

His approach to educating the inner-city young boys and girls who came under his tutelage emphasized personal responsibility. In times of cries crowding his students' learning, his forthright guidance and counsel was one based on faith in God and faith in one's ability to survive the vicissitudes of life.

Our community was deeply touched and comforted by his undaunted leadership, kindly compassion, and personal warmth. He preached and lived by the adage that the quest for personal integrity, academic excellence, and professional achievement is not beyond the reach of those who are willing to dare the impossible. This is the legacy that James Leron Cherry bequeathed to us. I am greatly privileged to have known this noble human being.

LEGISLATION AMENDING TITLE 18 OF THE UNITED STATES CODE

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 1, 1995

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, for as long as I can remember Federal employees who are members of employee organizations, like credit unions, child care centers, health and fitness organizations, recreation associations, and professional associations, have been able to represent the views of the employee organization to the employing department or agency. I think all would agree that active employee participation in matters of employment should be encouraged.

Until now, Federal employees' ability to represent to their superiors the interests of their employee organization has peacefully coexisted with §205 of title 18, United States Code, which prohibits a Government employee, except in the performance of official duties, from acting as agent or attorney for anyone before any agency or court of the United States in connection with a covered matter. A covered matter is described at 18 U.S.C. §205(h) as including "any judicial or other proceeding, application, request for a ruling or other determination, contract, claim, controversy, investigation, charge, accusation, arrest, or other particular matter." Until now, issues affecting employees as employees, such as pay and benefits issues, have not been viewed as covered matters.

The Department of Justice [DoJ] has recently issued legal opinions and guidelines stating that managers or supervisors who are Federal employees and who represent the interests of their peers or associations before senior management officials are guilty of a violation of 18 U.S.C. §205 and could be prosecuted as felons and subject to imprisonment and fines. Technically, according to DoJ, an employee who asks to use office space on behalf of an employee organization may have violated the law and could be subject to criminal prosecution.

Mr. Speaker, 18 U.S.C. §205 was enacted in 1962 and there has not been a problem until DoJ issued its opinion. Now, if a Federal employee wishes to discuss child care on behalf of her employee organization, she is in technical violation of the law. This situation is

outrageous and must be corrected. I have contacted the Attorney General about this issue and am awaiting a response. In the meantime, I am introducing legislation which reverses the Department of Justice's interpretation of the law to allow a Federal employee to represent an employee association or the interests of its members to the executive branch or any agency of the Government.

This small technical change will protect the rights that Federal employees have enjoyed for years until the Department of Justice removed them through its interpretation of the law. This legislation is a good-government measure, is good for Federal employees, and maintains the integrity and purpose of §205. Mr. Speaker, I urge Members to cosponsor this legislation and urge the House to make this technical change to the law as soon as possible.

H.R. —

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. REPRESENTATION OF VIEWS.

Section 205 of title 18, United States Code, is amended by redesignating subsection (h) as subsection (i) and by inserting after subsection (g) the following:

"(h) Nothing in this section shall prevent an officer or employee of the Government, if not inconsistent with the faithful performance of such officer's or employee's duties, from representing an employee association before, or the interest of the members of the association to, the Executive Branch or any agency of the Government. For purposes of this subsection, an employee association is an association or component of an association, a majority of whose members are officers or employees of the Government."

IN HONOR OF VIVIAN T. HOPE

HON. JACK KINGSTON

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 1, 1995

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to take the opportunity to congratulate Mrs. Vivian T. Hope on 50 years of service to the Glynn County School System.

Born and raised in Brunswick, GA. Mrs. Hope received her bachelor of arts degree from Albany State in Albany, GA and received master of education degrees from Armstrong State College, Savannah State College, and Georgia Southern University. She also holds an educational specialist degree from Nova University in Florida.

Vivian Hope began her career in Glynn County in 1965 teaching fifth grade at Burroughs Elementary School. In 1967, she became one of the first African-American instructors to teach at Goodyear Elementary School. She later continued her career at Risley Sixth Grade Center and Glynn County Middle School, where she served as a team leader and chairperson of the social studies department. Vivian has received numerous honors. While at Glynn County Middle School, she was selected the 1981 Teacher of the Year. In 1988–1990 she participated in various Georgia Educational Leadership Conferences; in 1992, she was selected to participate in the State of

Georgia Governor's School Leadership Institute. Most recently, Vivian served on the Southern Association Visiting Team for Bibb County, located in the 2nd district of Georgia.

Mr. Speaker, throughout Mrs. Hope's career, she has been a role model to both students and aspiring young teachers. When asked, "If you had it to do all over again, would you?" Her response, "Of course, with any job you have your good days and your bad, but for me, I wouldn't change a thing."

Too often, we forget to acknowledge those who spend 6 to 8 hours a day educating our children. Today, I salute Vivian Hope for spending 30 years with our children.

In conclusion, I also want to add that one of her best students is her own daughter, Theresa Hooper. Many of us know Theresa, and have had the pleasure of working with her on various State and national issues. She originally worked on the Senate Appropriations Committee, but in 1992, we on the House side had the good fortune of having her work with us. She is bright, intelligent and a true professional.

With people like Theresa serving as a sample of her mother's fine work, we can be sure that Mrs. Hope's legacy will live on for many years.

The world is clearly better for her outstanding contributions to America. Congratulations Mrs. Hope.

HONORING DELLA LAMB COMMUNITY SERVICES OF KANSAS CITY, MO

HON. KAREN MCCARTHY

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 1, 1995

Ms. MCCARTHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Della Lamb Community Services, which will have its annual awards banquet on Sunday, February 5, 1995.

Della Lamb has stood as a beacon of hope in Kansas City for almost 100 years, providing a wide range of services to our central city. These services include day care, youth programs and summer camp, adult education, including GED and basic skills instruction, and special programs for senior adults, including much-needed transportation services.

The services provided by Della Lamb touch hundreds of Kansas Citizens every month. I commend the staff, volunteers, and supporters of Della Lamb for the wonderful contributions they make to our community.

In addition, I would like to pay special tribute to the executive director of Della Lamb, William C. "Duke" Akers, who has served Della Lamb for 20 years.

During the tenure of Mr. Akers, Della Lamb has grown from a one-location neighborhood house to an eight-location charitable endeavor with an annual budget of \$3.5 million. The growth of services coordinated by Mr. Akers and the Della Lamb family have an impact on people every day. I commend Mr. Akers for 20 years of service to Della Lamb and I thank him for the valuable contributions he makes to our community.